

House Bill 965

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Dollar of the 45th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to negotiating railroad crossings and entering highways from private driveways, so as to authorize local governments by ordinance or resolution to authorize the operation of bicycles on sidewalks by certain persons within the jurisdiction of such local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 7 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to negotiating railroad crossings and entering highways from private driveways, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-144, relating to emerging from alley, driveway, or building, as follows:

"40-6-144.

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, private road, or driveway within a business or residential district shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across such alley, building entrance, road, or driveway or, in the event there is no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic thereon. The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian or bicycle on a sidewalk. Except as provided by resolution or ordinance of a local government for sidewalks within the jurisdiction of such local government authorizing the operation of bicycles on sidewalks ~~by persons 12 years of age or younger~~, no person shall drive any vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized driveway."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.